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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: FRG ASSISTANCE TO EGYPT

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1. SINCE THE AMBASSADOR'S TALK WITH EGON BAHR WE HAVE FURTHER DISCUSSED THE EGYPTIAN SITUATION WITH HELGA STEEG, ASSISTANT SECRETARY, THE ECONOMICS MINISTRY, RESPONSIBLE FOR INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS.
2. ACCORDING TO FRAU STEEG, IT IS QUITE UNDERSTAND-ABLE THAT THE MINISTRY OF ECONOMIC COOPERATION DID NOT KNOW ABOUT FRG CONSIDERATION OF THE EGYPTIAN SITUATION SINCE IT IS NOT INVOLVED IN CURRENT GERMAN DELIBERATIONS.
3. SHE SAID THAT AT THIS POINT THERE IS NO QUESTION OF FURTHER FRG BUDGETARY FUNDS, AND IN PREPARING FOR SADAT VISIT THE GERMANS ARE THINKING INSTEAD OF ADDITIONAL HERMES EXPORT GUARANTEES (OF AN AMOUNT UNSPECIFIED) AND OF DISCUSSION WITH SADAT OF INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN EGYPT.
4. FRAU STEEG SAID THAT WHILE THE FINANCE MINISTRY WAS RESISTING FURTHER HERMES EXPORT GUARANTEES,  
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THERE WAS SYMPATHY FOR EGYPT IN THE ECONOMICS

MINISTRY OWING TO THE DIFFICULT SITUATION THE  
EGYPTIANS FIND THEMSELVES IN.

5. FRAU STEEG WAS AWARE OF THE CONVERSATIONS THAT  
HAD BEEN TAKING PLACE WITH THE GERMAN EMBASSY IN  
CAIRO AND THAT THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE AMBASSADOR  
ARE BEING TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION, ALTHOUGH THEY  
HAD BY NO MEANS AS YET BEEN AGREED TO.

6. FRAU STEEG CAUTIONED THAT ALL OF THE GERMAN  
PREPARATIONS FOR THE SADAT VISIT WERE SUBJECT TO  
FINAL POLITICAL DECISION.  
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